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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, Paper Number 8. The Office action set a shortened statutory period to reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office action and a timely response is due no later than May 7, 2003. Accordingly, this Response filed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May is timely filed. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for the Examiner's consideration.